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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
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Dear Secretary Sebelius,

I write to express my deep concern and disappointment concerning the Administration's recent decision to provide federal taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood to promote the President's health care law. Polls consistently show that, not only are the majority of Americans opposed to the health care law, but according to the most recent Gallup poll, more Americans are pro-life than pro-choice.

Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the United States. Between 2009 and 2011 alone, Planned Parenthood has performed nearly 1 million abortions (995,687), according to Planned Parenthood's own annual reports. Additionally, in 2011, abortions made up about 92 percent of pregnancy services provided by Planned Parenthood. This is a practice that is deeply offensive to many Americans' personal and religious beliefs. Their taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund a practice so many find abhorrent.

Thus, despite President Obama's promise during the health care debate, federal funds are clearly going to abortion providers through Obamacare grants. I ask that you respect the will of Americans and fulfill the promise of the President by rescinding the federal funds awarded to Planned Parenthood.

Sincerely,

Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
Member of Congress